

Mr. Joseph Wildcat, Sr., President
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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RE: Invitation to Conference on Remediation of the Tower Standard/Haskell Lake Site

Dear President Wildcat:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) received notice of the Tribal Council action on July 14, 2017, withdrawing until further notice the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (LDF) from all technical and managerial discussions of the Haskell Lake Petroleum Contamination Site (Site). As you are aware, USEPA has been coordinating with LDF and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the past two years regarding cleanup of the Site. Project coordination work has been distinct from formal government-to-government consultation under Executive Order 13175.

As time is short to complete the important work at Haskell Lake, we consider it essential to arrange a managers' teleconference with you and WDNR. We hope to talk with all parties by the end of July 2017 to review issues and options and reach agreement on a path forward to timely completion of the project. A draft agenda with possible dates and times is attached. We propose that USEPA facilitate this teleconference through Anthony Greenwater, Director of the Region 5 Tribal and International Affairs Office (TIAO).

Those invited to the Haskell Lake managers' conference include the following:

- Brigid Lowery Acting Director, USEPA R5 Land and Chemicals Division (LCD)
- Mike Harris Deputy Director, USEPA R5 LCD
- Anthony Greenwater Director, USEPA R5 TIAO
- Judy Fassbender WDNR
- John Robinson WDNR

The Council action of July 14, 2017 directed all project correspondence and coordination to your office. Please consider joining the managers' teleconference or designate at least one manager with decision-making authority to represent your interests. Sherry Kamke (312 353 5794 or kamke.sherry@epa.gov) will arrange details for the Agency. Please send her the names of LDF participants, workable meeting dates and times, comments on the draft agenda, and any other suggestions or requirements. We hope to talk with you very soon.

Sincerely,

Brigid Lowery
Acting Division Director
Land and Chemicals Division

bcc:

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